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- SYSTEM

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1. SUMMARY: BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE OF JUNE 30 GOP HAS REQUESTED USG TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO AFP THE EXTENDED RANGE WALLEYE SYSTEM AS ARMAMENT FOR F-8H FIGHTER AIRCRAFT BEING PROCURED FROM VOUGHT CORPORATION. NOTWITHSTANDING ADVICE OF DOD EQUIPMENT SURVEY TEAM LAST FEBRUARY THAT WALLEYE NOT AVAILABLE FOR POLICY REASONS, GOP AT HIGHEST LEVELS HAS EVIDENTLY DECIDED TO PRESS THIS REQUEST. GUIDANCE REQUESTED ON RESPONSE. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY RECEIVED ON JULY 10 MFA DIPLOMATIC NOTE DATED JUNE 30, TEXT AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO BRING THE FOLLOWING MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

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THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT HAS PLACED AN ORDER FOR THIRTY-FIVE F-8H FIGHTER AIRCRAFT FROM THE VOUGHT CORPORATION OF THE UNITED STATES. THE PRODUCTION OF THE AIRCRAFT IS NOW GOING ON AND THEIR DELIVERY TO THE PHILIPPINES IS EXPECTED IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. THE AIRCRAFT WILL BE EMPLOYED BY THE ARMED FORCES TO COUNTERACT THREATS AGAINST THE

SECURITY OF THE PHILIPPINES, PARTICULARLY HOSTILE SEABORNE FORCES. THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN INCREASINGLY AWARE OF THE NEED FOR THIS TYPE OF AIRCRAFT TO SAFEGUARD THE LONG COASTLINE OF THE COUNTRY.

IN ORDER TO MAKE THE AIRCRAFT EFFECTIVE IN ANTI-SURFACE OPERATIONS, THE PHILIPPINE MILITARY AUTHORITIES HAVE DECIDED TO ARM THE AIRCRAFT WITH THE EXTENDED RANGE (ER) WALLEYE, AN AIR-TO-SURFACE MISSILE DEVELOPED IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS WEAPON CAN READILY BE USED WITH ONLY MINOR MODIFICATIONS IN THE AIRCRAFT.

ACCORDINGLY, THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES THE EXTENDED RANGE (ER) WALLEYE. CONSIDERING PHILIPPINE CONDITIONS, MAXIMUM UTILITY COULD BE EXPECTED FROM THE F-8H AIRCRAFT IF IT COULD BE FITTED WITH THIS WEAPON. TOGETHER THEY WILL CONSTITUTE A SIGNIFICANT ADDITION TO THE DEFENSE POSTURE OF THE PHILIPPINES.

THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT THE ER WALLEYE FALLS WITHIN A CURRENT UNITED STATES POLICY CONCERNING THE SALE OF WEAPONS TO A FOREIGN COUNTRY. CONSIDERING, HOWEVER THE DEFENSE AND SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND THE UNITED STATES, IT IS HOPED THAT THE PRESENT REQUEST, WHICH CAN MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO CONFIDENTIAL

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THEIR ALLIANCE, WILL BE FAVORABLY CONSIDERED.

COMPLIMENTARY CLOSING. END TEXT.

3. ON JULY 11 CHIEF JUSMAG CHECKED WITH OFFICE OF DND DEPUTY MINISTER CASTRO AND WAS INFORMED THAT MFA HAD TRANSMITTED ABOVE NOTE AT REQUEST OF DND AND THAT REQUEST HAD PRESIDENT MARCOS' APPROVAL.

4. COMMENT: AS ADDRESSEES AWARE (REFTELS), DOD EQUIPMENT SURVEY TEAM ADVISED AFP IN FEBRUARY THAT, FOR POLICY REASONS, WALLEYE WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR PROVISION TO THE PHILIPPINES. IT NOW APPEARS THAT GOP, AT HIGHEST LEVELS, HAS DECIDED TO PRESS THIS REQUEST (FIRST OF F-8H AIRCRAFT ARRIVED IN COUNTRY LAST WEEK). WE WILL OF COURSE WISH TO CONSIDER RESPONSE TO MFA NOTE IN THE CONTEXT OF STATUS OF MILITARY-TO-MILITARY TALKS ON MBA ISSUES. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON REPLY. MURPHY

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